

HALL AND SINGER BATTLED SLAYERS SIDE BY SIDE UNTIL BOTH WERE SLAIN

Bruises on Bodies Betrayed Struggle, Physician Testifies

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 17.—A fierce hand-to-hand battle, a struggle in which the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his beloved choir singer Eleanor R. Mills, fought side by side against a common enemy until death parted them, was revealed for the first time today, four years after their cut, bruised and bullet-pierced bodies were found lying almost in embrace on the Phillips farm.

A few minutes before Dr. William H. Long, Somerset county physician, told the tense spectators who packed the courtroom of County Judge Frank Cleary here, that Mrs. Mill's throat had been cut not once but several times and that she and her pastor-lover had suffered bruises and slight cuts on arms and shoulders, State Senator Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor, and Timothy Pfeiffer, defense counsel, almost came to blows on the question of whether there were bloodstains on the cape and scarf Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, the rector's widow, had sent to Philadelphia to be cleaned just after the murder.

Ready With Proof

In white heat of anger Simpson shouted to the court that he could prove the widow Hall never before had sent articles to the Pennsylvania city to be cleaned and dyed.

These were the highlights in a day of fierce conflict, a day of gruelling, grinding testimony, during which almost a dozen witnesses were called to the stand. Simpson was fighting to have Henry de la Bruyere Carpenter, cousin of Mrs. Hall, and "Willie" Stevens, her eccentric brother, held for the grand jury on charges of murder.

At no time since the investigation into the strange killings on September 14, 1922, has the actual murder been brought back to the minds of those who listened to the testimony so vividly as it was today. The clothes which the cleric wore, the coat still marked with blood, were exhibited.

Ray Schneider, the New Brunswick millwright, went carefully over his finding of the bodies while out with Pearl Bahmer. Dr. Long ran through the notes he made four years ago when he looked over the bodies.

Waited for Order

"The reason I never ordered an inquest or an autopsy," he said, "was that it was not my job. I placed my notes in the hands of the late Somerset Prosecutor Azariah Beaman, and he should have ordered me to take action. He did not."

Cook Detective Ferd David came back to the stand once more and identified the minister's clothing. He denied that he had blurred fingerprints on the glasses which had been placed carefully in position over Dr. Hall's eyes.

"There were flyspecks on them—that was all," he asserted, vehemently.

Visited Dyeing Plant

His subordinate, County Detective Charles A. Collins, told of a visit to Bornot's cleaning establishment at 13th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, and of his futile attempt to find out if there had been bloodstains on the Hall garments.

"The man I talked to said the wool scarf might have had stains

Witnesses in Hall-Mills Inquiry



RALPH GORSLINE and Barbara Tough were among witnesses called by Special Prosecutor Simpson at Somerville today.



2 Welfare Island Convicts Saw Bars, Swim to Freedom

Two prisoners early today sawed their way to freedom through the bars of the city penitentiary at Welfare Island, the Department of Correction announced shortly after noon when the escape was discovered.

It is believed the pair swam the East River to Manhattan.

Police started a search along the waterfront and East River pilots were notified to watch for the fugitives.

The escaped prisoners are George Loftus, who had served fourteen months of a three-year sentence, and Stanley Miller, who had served six months of a fourteen-month sentence.

Kautzman Got \$800 In Milk Graft Split, Says Prosecutor

How the \$2,000 milk bribe obtained from Samuel Doner of 508 West 40th St. was split was brought out today in the trial of Frederick W. Kautzmann, before Judge Levine, in General Sessions Court.

"William H. Kehoe got \$500," said Assistant District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora, "the same amount to Thomas J. Clougher; \$200 to Harry Danzinger and the balance to Kautzmann."

Henry Silverman, who drove the truck containing the unlicensed milk seized in January, was first witness. Then Doner was called. Asked how much he was worth he counted on his fingers, but was unable to state the amount.

Judge Henry Nell of Cook county sat on the bench beside Judge Levine during the hearing of the case today.

FRENCH GIRL STRANGLED, COPS HUNT RICH BROKER

LONDON, Aug. 17 (By U. P.).—French ports and frontiers today were under close police watch for the alleged perpetrator of a Friday-the-13th murder.

Gaston Guyot, wealthy broker, 45, was presumed by the police to have strangled his mistress, Marie Louise Beulaguet, a pretty telephone girl, in a flour mill. The slayer fired the mill.

Musical Bandits Take 'Sax' Toll

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (By U. P.).—The raucous strains of "Home Sweet Home," from a saxophone aroused the ire of two musically inclined highwaymen in a Chicago musicians club last night.

The versatile critics, brandishing guns, entered the club doom shouting "rotten."

"We're going to fine you for those discords," they told Leonard Vertuno, manager.

Moving about among the club members, the rubber-critics collected \$110 for the "uplift of music" as they explained it.

'Sold as White Slave,' Girl, 15, Tells Police

Louis Klieman, 36, of 570 West 183d St., a moving picture operator, was held in \$15,000 bail today by Magistrate Vitale, in West Side Court, on a charge of attack made by 15-year-old Margaret Klem, Frachville, Pa.

The girl stated that last December she had met Klieman in a street flirtation. She said he had taken her to his apartment where she remained two weeks.

"Sold as White Slave"

Then she charged he "sold her as a white slave" into a house on West 80th Street, where she was kept prisoner for three months.

Escaping, she entered another

'Cry Baby' Thug Sobs Out Story of Beating by Police

Twitching in body and plucking nervously at his face, Frank Kerrigan, one of the "cry baby bandits," took the stand in his own defense before Judge Barrett in Bronx County Court today.

Kerrigan sobbed a vivid tale of how he had been tortured and beaten in a third degree examination by detectives after his arrest. He whined:—

"They kept me without food and even refused to give me a drink of water for fifteen hours.

"They beat me brutally. I was afraid they would actually kill me. I finally signed a paper they put before me, to gain relief."

Trial Nearing Close

Kerrigan declared he thought police were trying to "pin a murder on him." His testimony was substantially the same as at the first trial, declared a mistrial when a juror objected to continuing in service.

Philip Oberst, leader of the "cry baby" bandits, took the stand at the session's close. The defense rested. Summation will begin tomorrow, and the fate of the "cry babies" should be in the jury's hands by tomorrow evening.

2 U. S. Ensigns Killed in Flight

WAUKEGON, ILL., Aug. 17 (By U. P.).—Ensigns George Hammer and Edward Stone of the Great Lakes Naval Training School were killed today when their seaplane fell into Lake Michigan.

Hammer was a flying instructor and Stone was an apprentice flyer.

The two men were taken from the lake by two naval students, who swam to the wrecked plane. They were alive, but died within an hour.

Prosecutor Fights Gambling Charge

SARATOGA SPRINGS, Aug. 17 (By U. P.).—District Attorney Charles B. Andrus today announced he would ask the Saratoga Bar Association to investigate charges made against him at the Saratoga gambling investigation.

Jules Formel, ex-convict, testified during the inquiry that Andrus accepted \$50,000 from Trnold Rothstein, alleged Bronx gambler, for permission to open a gambling house.

Beaten in Grill Fighting for Honor, Says Film Actress

With both eyes blackened and her body a mass of bruises, Margaret Craven, 26, of 6 West 65th St., former "Follies" girl and screen actress, appeared before Magistrate Vitale in West Side police court and swore to a complaint charging August Sherman, 30, alleged proprietor of the grill in the basement of the Schuyler Arms apartment hotel, 307 West 98th St., with beating and kicking her last Wednesday because she resisted his advances.

Miss Craven was supported by her attorney, Harry Sacks Heckheimer, 1587 Broadway, and her physician, Dr. Shirley Sprague, 57 West 56th St., when she entered the court room. Her head was swathed in bandages.

She said she called at the grill to meet two friends, and that Sherman tried to push her into an inner room.

When she resisted, she said he knocked her down, kicked and beat her.

THE WEATHER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1926



U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Probably occasional showers tonight and Wednesday; fresh westerly winds.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Showers probably tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler tonight in extreme north portion; moderate to fresh southwest and west winds.

Hour. Temp. Weather. Barom. Wind.

Midnight... 73 Cloudy 29.88 SW. 16

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